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Application of: Holger BENGS *et al.*

Application No.: 09/869,395

Group Art Unit: 1615

Filed: October 1, 2001

Examiner: Micah Paul Young

For: ORAL HYGIENE PRODUCT CONTAINING  
SPHERICAL MICROPARTICLES ON THE BASIS OF  
LINEAR WATER-INSOLUBLE POLYGLUCANS

Attorney Docket No. 330213.02500

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

**Mail Stop AF**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time up to and including February 26, 2004 to respond to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2004.

**Authorization**

The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment in connection with this submission to our Deposit Account.

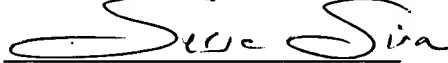
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In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gilberto M. Villacorta", written over a horizontal line.

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Date: February 26, 2004